

Honorable Marsha J. Pechman

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

DIANNE L. KELLEY and KENNETH
HANSEN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington
Corporation,

Defendant.

NO. C07-0475 MJP

PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE RE:
MOTION TO SEAL

CLASS ACTION

NOTE ON MOTION CALENDER:
October 29, 2007

Plaintiffs submit this response regarding the Motion to Seal, filed on October 5, 2007.

Dkt 59; see also Dkt. 75 (Microsoft's submission in support of motion).

1. **Plaintiffs' Motion for Application of Washington Law** [*only 2:11, 2:13-16, 2:18-24, 3:12-20, and 14:15-16 contain excerpts from materials containing confidentiality designations*]

Microsoft requests that the above lines of text from Plaintiffs' Motion for Application of Washington Law be redacted and that an unredacted version of the motion be filed. These lines of text contain either references to or quotations from documents attached as Exhibits C, D, and F to the Declaration of William C. Smart (Dkt. 61), each of which Microsoft designated as "confidential." Aside from the issue of whether the exhibits themselves need to be sealed from public view (see below ¶¶ 2-4), the few references to and quotations from those exhibits as set

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1 forth in the motion are selective, brief, and truncated in nature—and, thus, provide insufficient
 2 context to render them of any material importance to Microsoft's competitors without reviewing
 3 the exhibits as well. Accordingly, plaintiffs do not believe that Microsoft has provided sufficient
 4 justification for Plaintiffs' Motion for Application of Washington Law to be redacted.
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 9 **2. Smart Declaration, Exhibit C: Designed for Microsoft Windows and**
 10 **Windows Vista Logo Licensing Agreement**
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12 As Microsoft notes (see Dkt. 76 ¶ 15), the asserted justification to seal the Designed for
 13 Microsoft Windows and Windows Vista Logo Licensing Agreement was put at issue in a prior
 14 motion to seal that is pending before the Court. See Dkt. 45. Plaintiffs incorporate their
 15 argument in opposition to seal as set forth in their prior submission on this issue. See Dkt. 58 at
 16 2:1-22. In sum, the Logo Licensing Agreement is directly related to Microsoft's Windows Vista
 17 Capable Marketing Program, which by its terms has expired. Therefore, the Logo Licensing
 18 Agreement does not have the "commercial sensitivity" Microsoft would have Court believe. Id.
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26 **3. Smart Declaration, Exhibit D: Microsoft Business Terms Document for**
 27 **OEM Customers**
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29 This is a form document with no OEM named. As noted on MS-KELL 207, the
 30 document has expired by its own terms. Microsoft has provided insufficient justification for this
 31 document to be sealed.
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35 **4. Smart Declaration, Exhibit F: OEM Marketing Bulletin: Windows**
 36 **Vista Capable Program**
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38 Whether the OEM Marketing Bulletin should be sealed also is at issue in the prior motion
 39 to seal pending before the Court. See Dkt. 45. Plaintiffs incorporate their arguments in
 40 opposition to seal as set forth in their prior submission on this issue. See Dkt. 58 at 2:24-39.
 41 The OEM Marketing Bulletin describes the Windows Vista Capable Marketing Program, which
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1 has been terminated. Microsoft's prior efforts to keep the terms of its marketing programs secret
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 3 cannot alone justify sealing those expired documents when later used in court.
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5 **5. Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification** [*only 3:1-5, 3:7-41, 4:1-9, and*
 6 *15:11-17 contain excerpts from materials containing confidentiality*
 7 *designations*]
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9 Microsoft requests that the above lines of text from Plaintiffs' Motion for Class
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 11 Certification be redacted and that an unredacted version of the motion be filed. This text either
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 13 refers to or quotes from the OEM Marketing Bulletin (see above ¶ 4). Even if the Court finds
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 15 Microsoft has met its burden to have the bulletin sealed from the public's eyes, the portions of
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 17 plaintiffs' motion that refer to or quote from that document still need not be redacted. These
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 19 portions either state the obvious, do not quote or refer to any "commercially sensitive" material
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 21 in the bulletin, or have been made public in other "non-confidential" documents already on file
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 23 with the Court. See, e.g., Dkt. 66-3 (re-stating and summarizing purposes of Windows Vista
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 25 Capable Marketing Program). Plaintiffs do not believe that Microsoft has provided sufficient
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 27 justification for their Motion for Class Certification to be filed in redacted form.
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29 **6. Tilden Declaration, Exhibit A: OEM Marketing Bulletin: Windows**
 30 **Vista Capable Program**
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32 This is the same document as Exhibit F to the Smart Declaration. Therefore, plaintiffs
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 34 incorporate their opposition herein.
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36 **7. Tilden Declaration, Exhibit L: Pages 1-2, 50-51, 67-69, and 88 from the**
 37 **Transcript of the 30(b)(6) Deposition of Microsoft (Mark Croft)** [*only*
 38 *50:1-9 contain confidentiality designations*]
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40 The text at 50:1-9 of the Transcript of the 30(b)(6) Deposition of Microsoft (Mark Croft)
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 42 was designated as "confidential" by Microsoft. However, that specific portion of Page 50 of the
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 44 transcript was not referred to or quoted from in Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification.
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1 Microsoft acknowledges that this portion of Page 50 "does not disclose commercially sensitive
2 information," and thus does not propose an order that any portions of the Croft Deposition
3 transcript (Exhibit L to the Tilden Declaration) be redacted or sealed. See Dkt. 75 at 5 n.6.
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5 Accordingly, this exhibit should be publicly available.
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9 DATED this 29th day of October, 2007.
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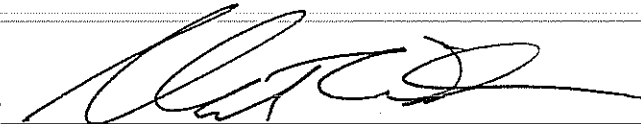
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